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56 SOW NKP

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ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3089

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW, 56 SOW AND 8 TFW
FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 21

REF: VIENTIANE 3060

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - GROUND ACTION REGISTERED DECREASE
DURING PERIOD 19-20 APRIL, WITH ONLY FIVE SCATTERED MINOR
INCIDENTS REPORTED. RLAF FLEW THREE T-28 AND ONE AC-47
GUNSHIP SORTIES. POLITICAL- XAT LAO " CORRECTS" NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT' S REMARKS RE NEED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIA-
TIONS. END SUMMARY

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR I: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED, EXCEPT FOR SPOT REPORT
THAT INDICATED OUTPOST POSITION APPROX 33 KM NORTHWEST OF
XIENG LOM, IN FAR NORTHWEST, WAS LOST TO ENEMY AATAACK NIGHT
20 APRIL. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

B. MR II: ONLY GROUND ACTION WAS MINOR CLASH NORTHWEST OF
THA VIANG ON 20 APRIL (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

C. MR III: DELAYED REPORT REVELAED MINOR CLASH OCCURED APPROX
15 KM NORTH OF SENO ON 18 APRIL; FRIENDS LOST THREE KIA,
TWO WIA, SIX MIA AS WELL AS TEN M-16' S, ONE MORTAR AND
ONE RADIO. TWENTY- SIX FRIENDS REMAIN MIA AFTER MAJOR
ACTION EAST SOUTHEAST OF THAKHEK (REFTTEL); 35, ONE OF
WHOM WAS WIA HAVE RETURNED. RLAF FLEW THREE T-28 SORTIES,
ALL IN SUPPORT OF ACTION NORTH OF SENO (THREE ENEMY PROB-
ABLY KBA).

D. MR IVGC ONLY GROUND ACTION WAS MINOR CLASH SOME 40 KM
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SOUTHEAST OF PAKSE, NORTHEAST OF PHIAFAY, ON 19 APRIL (NO

CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIES , IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTION.

E. MR V: ONLY GROUND ACTION WAS MINOR CLASH MORTHWEST OF BORIKHANE ON 19 APRIL (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

2. SECTION II - POLITICAL SITUATION

XAT LAO, APRIL 21 CORRECTED ITS APRIL 19 REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT PHOUI SANANIKONE. ORIGINAL ACCOUNT QUOTED PHOUI AS SUGGESTING THAT, IF CEASE-

FIRE VIOLATIONS CONTINUED, INTERNAL TALKS SHOULD BE STOPPED. ACCORDING REVISED VERSION, PHOUI ACTUALLY STATED THE CONTRARY: EVEN IF HOSTILITIES CONTINUE, RLG SHOULD CONTINUE TALKS TO SHOW ITS GOOD INTENTIONS. (COMMENT: THIS RETRACTION BY WAY OF " CORRECTION" MAY WELL HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY OUR SWIFT REMINDER TO SANANIKONE GROUP THAT USG SUPPORTS CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS.)
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